

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (PFDS) O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50



Georgia Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Commission

WHAT IS A PFDS?

A statement filed by certain public officers and all candidates in which they disclose fiduciary positions, business interests, real estate interests, and investment interests that they or their spouse held in the previous calendar year.

WHO FILES A PFDS?

- Constitutional Officers
- Elected state officials
- Executive heads of every state department or agency
- Members of the General Assembly
- Elected county officials
- Elected members of a local board of education
- Members of the Campaign Finance Commission
- Members of the State Transportation Board

WHEN IS A PFDS FILED?

- State-Level, Local, & State-Wide Non-Partisan Elected Officials*
 - Election Year: file within 15 days of qualifying.
 - Nonelection Year: file no later than July 1st of that year.
- State-Wide Elected Officials**
 - Election Year: file a PFDS within 7 days of qualifying.
 - Nonelection Year: file no later than July 1st of that year.
- Members of the State Transportation Board
 - Year of Election: no later than 60 days after election to the Board
 - All other years: file PFDS and Affidavit before January 31st of each year

WHERE IS A PFDS FILED?

- State-wide and state level officials, including district attorneys and superior court judges, file with the commission.
- Local officials file with their city clerk or elections superintendent.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLIC OFFICER O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(A)(2)

Prior to 2010, all public officers were required to file a PFDS. Now certain public officers are no longer required to file a PFDS, instead they file an Affidavit of Public Officer. These public officers are: executive directors of each state board, commission, council, or authority and members of a state board, commission, council, or authority.

OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO VACANT OFFICES

An individual who is appointed to a vacant elected public office files his or her first PFDS the year after they take office. Ex: John Doe is appointed to a vacant superior court office and is sworn into office on August 1, 2015. John Doe files his first PFDS in 2016.

*COURT OF APPEALS AND SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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